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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HOSOKAWA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1642**

Serial No.: **10/767,718**

Examiner: **FETTEROLF, Brandon J.**

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For: **A METHOD FOR DETECTION OF CARCINOEMBRYONIC ANTIGENS
HAVING A MODIFIED SUGAR CHAIN STRUCTURE**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED September 29, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: October 27, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **September 29, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction is required among following Groups:

Group (I), Claims 31-44, as specifically drawn to a method of detecting cancer, wherein the protein capable of recognizing a specific modified sugar chain structure of carcinoembryonic antigens is an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.23;

Group (II), Claims 31-40 and 45-46, as specifically drawn to a method of detecting cancer, wherein the protein capable of recognizing a specific modified sugar chain structure of carcinoembryonic antigens is a lectin, classified in class 435, subclass 4 ; and

Group (III), Claims 47-56, as specifically drawn to a kit for detecting cancer, classified in class 435, subclass 810.

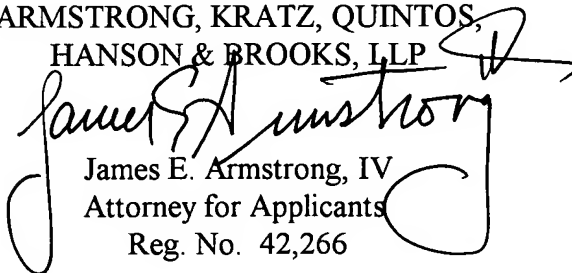
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 31-44**, as specifically drawn to a method of detecting cancer, wherein the protein capable of recognizing a specific modified sugar chain structure of carcinoembryonic antigens is an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.23, for prosecution in this application. Further, applicants respectfully elect i) **Anti-Le^a antibody** as a species for the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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